

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were pending. All stand rejected. The applicant requests further consideration and re-examination in view of the amendments above and remarks set forth below.

An interview was conducted on November 18, 2005, between examiner Ly and the undersigned. The language of the independent claims 1, 15, 22 and 25 was discussed. Particularly, Examiner Ly requested that claims 1, 15, 22 and 25 be amended as above to clarify that the program includes at least a first routine and a second routine. The applicant submits that this amendment does not alter the scope of the claims and, thus, does not raise new issues. Also discussed was the requirement that the program is loaded from the same data storage medium that stores the data to be accessed. Examiner Ly and the undersigned agreed that the existing language of the independent claims included this limitation. Particularly, claim 1 recites "retrieving data from a data storage medium ... loading a program from the data storage medium ... receiving a request for access to data stored on the data storage medium... accessing the data...". Claims 15, 22 and 25 each recite "computer usable medium having data stored thereon and having computer readable program code stored thereon...". Examiner Ly and the undersigned agreed that these limitations are not disclosed or suggested by the Stegelmann or Vahalia references, taken singly or in combination.

Therefore, because the cited references do not suggest or disclose all of the limitations of independent claims 1, 15, 22 and 25, these claims are allowable. Dependent claims 2-14, 16-21 and 23-24 are allowable at least because they depend from an allowable base claim.

Allowance at an early date would be greatly appreciated. Should any outstanding issues remain, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (408) 293-9000 so that any such issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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